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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL DELIVERY

Honorable James L. Cott
United States Magistrate Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Steven M. Etkind
17 Cr. 590 ()

Dear Judge Cott:

I am a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Office of Geoffrey S. Berman, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and I am responsible for the prosecution of this matter. The United States of America respectfully submits this letter to request that the above-referenced Indictment be unsealed and that the case be assigned to a District Judge. Previously, the Government designated the case as Wheel B. The defendant was arrested today in New York, New York.

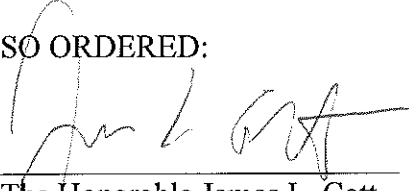
I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746.

Respectfully submitted,

GEOFFREY S. BERMAN
United States Attorney

By: /s/ Jorge Almonte
Jorge Almonte
Special Assistant United States Attorney

SO ORDERED:


The Honorable James L. Cott
United States Magistrate Judge

